to date no report has been made by the committee. 671
However, decrees and orders concerning counter-revolutionary activities have been issued by all levels of government.

A. Criminal Code

The decree[35] promulgated by the Chairman 671
of the People's Republic of China in December 1954 694
explained the procedure for arrest and detention. As a rule, arrests are not made unless they have first been approved by the People's court or by the People's procuratorates. When making arrests, public security agencies must first obtain a warrant from the People's Procuratorate. However, there are circumstances under which immediate arrestr can be made. These exceptions, in fact, grant the security agencies more power than the decree would suggest. For example, persons who are unable to establish their identities or do not have a permanent place of residence are subject to immediate arrest. It is true that certain provisions in the decree guarantee each individual the right to demand a warrant, a minimum period of detention, and an early and rapid trial; nevertheless, at least two factors minimize the value to the individual of these provisions -- first, the arbitrary arrests made by the security agencies, and secondly, the exceptions allowed to facilitate the arrest of counterrevolutionaries.

35. People's Daily, Dec. 21, 1954, p. 1.